

RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

a parent page



Focus on Faith

Jesus' Obedience and Ours

Obedience is a word that is easily misunderstood. We read that Jesus obeyed his Father. We wish that our children would be more prompt to obey. We can easily have the notion that obedience means automatic response to a command, but the root word for obedience means "to hear." An obedient person is one who listens with an understanding heart to what is being said. This is how Jesus listened to his Father. By being good listeners ourselves, we teach our children how to listen. Each of us is called as a parent to listen to our child so that we can hear what is in his or her heart. In this way we model Jesus' obedient response to his Father.

Dinnertime Conversation Starter

Share a story about a time when you felt that someone really listened to you. Talk about ways that you can all be better listeners.

Hints for at Home

Share family background and country-of-origin stories with your child. Help your child to understand that although we are different from one another, we are one human family with God as our Father. Have fun as a family learning words and phrases in different languages, such as those for father, mother, and God.

Spirituality in Action

Encourage your child to be open to understanding and helping all people, regardless of differences in background. Talk with your child about ways to help new students at school who may have difficulty with language or in making friends.



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Focus on Prayer

Your child is reviewing the words and the meaning of the Lord's Prayer. Pray this special prayer with your child at home and as it is prayed or sung during Mass. You can find this prayer at www.FindingGod.org.

